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| MATSUMOTO et al. | : | |
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| Title: METHOD FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE FROM ACRYLIC ACID PROCESS AND ACRYLIC ESTER PROCESS | : | |
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed.

Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 4,418,045 corresponds to Japanese Patent No JP-B-63-067090; and U.S. Patent No. 6,348,638 B1 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. JP-A-2000-514419.

Applicant submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted prior to a first action on the merits.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Respectfully submitted,

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